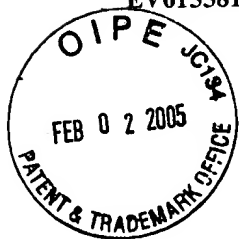


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to a November 2, 2004 Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for a response for two months up to and including February 2, 2005 and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(2). Thus, this response is timely filed.

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